It is difficult to precisely estimate at this stage, the quantum of foreign exchange likely to the earned/augmented as a result of these measures.

Investment by non-resident indians

*30. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment made by the Non-Resident Indians in the country from January, 1985 till June, 1988;

(b) what is the number of non-resident Indians who have made this investment during this period; and

(c) what are the names of countries to which these Non-Resident Indians belong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The total investment by NRIs in the country, apart from deposits in Banks, from January 1985 to March 1988 was Rs. 43,991.23 lakhs on repatriation basis and Rs. 19,004.69 lakhs on non-repatriation basis.

(b) and (c) There are several Schemes for Investments by Non-Resident Indians in this country. Approval for these Schemes are decentralised. The investors for these Schemes are from a very large number of countries and their numbers would also be very large. Compilation of data would be a complex and time-consuming process.

Regulation of prices of polyester and Nylon filament yarn

*31. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2366 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 16th August, 1988 regarding regulation of prices of polyester and nylon filament yarn and state:

(a) how the prices of polyester yarn and other products have been moving since 1st March, 1988, monthwise: after the concessions were announced in the Budget;

(b) whether the Monitoring Committee held any discussion with the synthetic yarn manufacturers and organisations of end users and if so, with what results; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to withdraw the duty concessions with immediate effect and penalise the synthetic yarn manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Price trends (weighted average) of Polyester Staple Fibre, Acrylic Staple Fibre Nylon Filament Yarn, Polyester Filament Yarn, Polyster Viscose Blended Yarn & Polyester Cotton blended yarn since March, 1988 to September, 1988 are given below:—

S. No.	Item	March '88	April '88	May '88	June '88	July '88	August '88	Sept. '88
1.	Polyester Staple Fibre (1 2D)	61.16	62.25	62.30	61.41	71.00	71.10	72 11
2.	Acrylic Staple Fibre . .	66.07	66. 07	66 07	68 00	68.00	68 00	68.00
3.	Nylon Filament Yarn . .	156.93	154 30	161.95	159 24	163.95	169 21	169 21
4.	Polyester Filament Yarn .	137 50	138.00	138.00	144 50	149.59	149 50	149 50
5.	Polyester Viscose blended Yarn. (48 + 52) . .	87.06	83 97	79.37	80.37	80.37	82.23	81.70
6.	Polyester Cotton Blended Yarn. (65 + 35)	Not Available	84.83	84.33	77.83	85 00	82 83	87.17